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Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
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Subject: OIG Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2019-IGFO-00237
Final Response

Dear Mr. Evers:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated September 4, 2019, seeking any approved waivers reviewed by the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General for their January 29, 2019 report “ICE Does Not Fully Use Contracting Tools to Hold Detention Facility Contractors Accountable for Failing to Meet Performance Standards. Your request was received in this office on September 5, 2019.

In response to your request, a search was conducted within the OIG Office of Inspections. Please be advised that the responsive records are publicly available on the DHS-ICE web site at:
<https://www.ice.gov/facility-inspections>.

Appeal

If you believe this to be an adverse determination on your request, you have the right to appeal this response.¹ Your appeal must be in writing and received within 90 days after the date of this response. Please address any appeal to:

FOIA/PA Appeals Unit

¹ For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

DHS/Inspector General
STOP 0305
245 Murray Lane, SW
Washington, DC 20528-0305

Both the envelope and letter of appeal must be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act [//Privacy Act] Appeal.” Your appeal letter must also clearly identify DHS-OIG’s response. Additional information on submitting an appeal is set forth in the Department of Homeland Security regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.8.

Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services

Should you need assistance with your request, you may contact DHS-OIG’s FOIA Public Liaison. You may also seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison. You may contact DHS-OIG’s FOIA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

FOIA Public Liaison
DHS-OIG Counsel
STOP 0305
245 Murray Lane, SW
Washington, DC 20528-0305
Phone: 202-981-6100
Fax: 202-245-5217
E-mail: foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov

Additionally, the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions about this response, please contact us at 202-981-6100.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures